

Revelation Series

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Revelation 2:5, “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.”

The Basis of Knowledge

| | SYSTEM | STARTING POINT | METHOD |
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| Autonomous Systems of Perception | RATIONALISM | Innate ideas; Faith in human ability | Independent use of logic & reason |
| | EMPIRICISM | Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability | Independent use of logic & reason |
| | MYSTICISM | Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability | Independent; Nonlogical; nonrational; nonverifiable |
| Divine Viewpoint | REVELATION | Objective revelation of God | Dependent use of logic and reason |



Creation

**Ultimate
causation
cannot come
from within
creation.**

History=His Story

Law

Politics

Economics

First Amendment, Bill of Rights

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

First draft:

**“Congress shall not make any law
establishing any religious
denomination.”**

Second version: “Congress shall make no law establishing any particular denomination.”

Third version: “Congress shall make no law establishing any particular denomination in preference to others.”

Final version that day: “Congress shall make no law establishing religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

“Why then, if these books for children must be retained, as they will be, should not the Bible regain the place it once held as a school book? Its morals are pure, its examples captivating and noble, the reverence for the sacred book that is thus early impressed, lasts long; and, probably, if not impressed in infancy, never takes firm hold of the mind. One consideration more is important.

~Fisher Ames on Sept. 20, 1789

“On the day after the House of Representatives voted to adopt the form of the First Amendment Religion Clauses which was ultimately proposed and ratified, Representative Elias Boudinot proposed a resolution asking President George Washington to issue a Thanksgiving Day proclamation. Boudinot said he ‘could not think of letting the session pass over without offering an opportunity to all citizens of the United States of joining with one voice, in returning to Almighty God their sincere thanks for the many blessings he had poured down on them.’ ”

~William Rehnquist

“we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord;”

“to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.”

~G. Washington

- 1. That Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and that, in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts, they will be wise and happy.**
- 2. That a better knowledge of this religion is to be acquired by reading the Bible than in any other way.**

- 3. That the Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state, than any other book in the world.**
- 4. That knowledge is most durable, and religious instruction most useful when imparted in early life.**

“In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament, that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes and take so little pains to prevent them.”

~B. Rush

“All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”

~Noah Webster

“We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and a religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

~John Adams, Oct. 11, 1798

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. —That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars.”

“Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds . . . reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

~Washington

“Where is the security for life, for reputation and for property, if the sense of religious obligation desert?”

“Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them or by a power without them, either by the Word of God or by the strong arm of man, either by the Bible or by the bayonet.”

~Robert Winthrop

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“Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of the government reach actions only, and not opinions,”

“I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should ‘make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,’ thus building a wall of separation between church and State.”

“Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore man to all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties.”

~Reynolds vs. the United States, 1878

“Congress was deprived of all legislative power over mere religious opinions, but was left free to reach only those religious actions which were in violation of social duties or subversive of good order.”

“for its officers to interfere with religion only when religious principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order. In this is found the true distinction between what properly belongs to the church and what to the state.”

“The First Amendment has erected a ‘wall of separation between church and state.’ That wall must be kept high and impregnable.”

~Hugo Black

“If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all it will be to induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments . . . which is not a permissible objective.”

~*Stone vs. Brown*, 1980